

## Officers who defended the Capitol fight falsehoods about Jan. 6 and campaign for Joe Biden

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Former Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell is mostly recovered from the brutal assaults he endured from Donald Trump's supporters on Jan. 6, 2021. But not completely. His shoulder still has limited endurance and there are screws and a metal plate holding his right foot together after bone fusion surgery. Emotional recovery has been more difficult. Gonell struggled when he heard that former Trump visited Capitol Hill last month and received what he called a "hero's welcome" from the Republican lawmakers Gonell had protected that day, and when Trump falsely told millions of viewers in last week's debate that many of the violent rioters, his supporters, "were ushered in by the police."



Washington Metropolitan Police officer Daniel Hodges speaks during a news conference at the Democratic National Committee Headquarters in Washington, April 1, 2024.

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Trump's Capitol Hill visit was a "triggering mechanism for my PTSD," says Gonell, who retired from the force in 2022 due to his injuries and has recently participated in several campaign events for President Joe Biden. "We did what we had to do to keep those elected officials safe, and instead of siding with us, the officers, they have sided with a person who put their lives at risk."

Three and a half years after the Capitol attack, Trump still falsely claims the 2020 election was stolen. He has promised that if he wins the presidency again he will pardon his supporters who violently beat police and broke into the Capitol to try and overturn the legitimate results.

To counter the misinformation, Gonell and two of his fellow officers who were there that day are working with Biden's campaign, attending events in swing states to try and make sure that voters don't forget.

"I'm a living primary source about an important day in American history," says Metropolitan Police Officer Daniel Hodges, who became a recognizable face shortly after the attack when a video of him



Former U.S. Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell, who defended the Capitol on Jan. 6, is interviewed outside of the Supreme Court, July 1, 2024, after the court decision on the immunity case of former President Donald Trump, in Washington.

being crushed between two doors went viral. "So I try to make that count, and make it so that people hear the truth from someone who was there."

Along with former Capitol Police Officer Harry Dunn, Hodges and Gonell are telling audiences about what they went through that day and trying to lay out the contrast between Biden and Trump.

It's an unusual transition for

law enforcement officers who once protected members of Congress and are used to keeping their political views to themselves.

"I'm really an introvert, and I'm not someone to seek a microphone or an audience," says Hodges, who testified along with Gonell and Dunn at the House Jan. 6 panel's first hearing in 2021.

"But I'm in this unique position where people will listen

to what I say about an important issue.

So I feel a moral obligation to do so."

At recent events in Wisconsin, Nevada and Arizona, they stood with local officials and said that Trump is a danger to the country after trying to overturn Biden's legitimate election. "Three and a half years later, the fight for democracy still continues," Dunn recently told a group of

voters in Arizona, flanked by a handful of politically active Democratic veterans in Phoenix. "It still goes on. Donald Trump is still that threat. His deranged, self-centered, obsessive quest for power is the reason violent insurrectionists assaulted my coworkers and I."

The officers have also aggressively pushed back on Trump's comments at the debate, where he falsely said that there were a "relatively small" group of protesters and that the police let them enter the Capitol. More than 1,400 people have been charged with federal crimes related to the riot, and police were bloodied and injured some seriously as they struggled to prevent more from getting in.

Dunn, who recently lost his own bid for a congressional seat in Maryland, said after the debate that Trump's comments were "a slap in the face, but it's what we have come to expect from Donald Trump."

And the officers said they are still supporting Biden, even after he failed to push back on many of Trump's false claims about Jan. 6 and received widespread criticism for his weak showing at the debate. □

## Citing Supreme Court immunity ruling, Trump's lawyers seek to freeze the classified documents case



Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally in Chesapeake, Va., Friday, June 28, 2024.

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By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Donald Trump asked a federal judge Friday to freeze the classified documents case against him in light of a Supreme Court ruling this week that said former presidents have broad immunity from prosecution.

Trump's lawyers told U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon that the prosecution should be put on pause until she resolves pending defense motions that assert that Trump is immune from criminal charges in

the case and that special counsel Jack Smith was illegally appointed by the Justice Department.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in a 6-3 opinion Monday that presidents enjoy absolute immunity from prosecution for actions involving their core constitutional powers and are presumptively immune for all other official acts. In a separate concurring opinion, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote that Smith's appointment was invalid because there is "no law establishing" the office of

the special counsel.

The request Friday underscores the potentially far-reaching implications of the high court's opinion. On Tuesday, sentencing for Trump's hush money convictions was postponed until at least September as the judge in the New York case agreed to weigh the possible impact of the opinion. The opinion came in a separate case brought by Smith charging Trump with plotting to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. □



# U.S. says troops are leaving Niger bases this weekend and in August after coup

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. will remove all its forces and equipment from a small base in Niger this weekend and fewer than 500 remaining troops will leave a critical drone base in the West African country in August, ahead of a Sept. 15 deadline set in an agreement with the new ruling junta, the American commander there said Friday.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Kenneth Ekman said in an interview that a number of small teams of 10-20 U.S. troops, including special operations forces, have moved to other countries in West Africa. But the bulk of the forces will go to Europe, at least initially.

Niger's ouster of American troops following a coup last year has broad ramifications for the U.S. because it is forcing troops to abandon the critical drone base that was used for counterterrorism missions in the Sahel, a vast region south of the Sahara desert where groups linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group operate.

Ekman and other U.S. military leaders have said other West African nations want to work with the U.S. and may be open to an



In this image by the U.S. Air Force, Maj. Gen. Kenneth P. Ekman speaks in front of a "Welcome to Niamey" sign depicting U.S. military vehicles at Air Base 101 in Niger, May 30, 2024.

Associated Press

expanded American presence. He did not detail the locations, but other U.S. officials have pointed to the Ivory Coast and Ghana as examples.

Ekman, who serves as the director for strategy at U.S. Africa Command, is leading the U.S. military withdrawal from the small base at the airport in Niger's capital of Niamey and from the larger counterterrorism base in the city of Agadez. He said there will be a ceremony Sunday marking the completed pullout from the airport base, then the final 100 troops and the last C-17 transport aircraft will depart.

Under the junta agreement, two-thirds of U.S. troops and equipment must be out of the country by July

26, Ekman said. That deadline, which forced the Pentagon to move quickly, is a key reason why U.S. Africa Command will complete its withdrawal of all 1,000 troops from Niger early.

But it also leaves a counterterrorism gap that U.S. officials are struggling to fill as security threats from extremist groups in the Sahel grow.

One of those groups, Jama'a Nusrat ul-Islam wa al-Muslimin, known as JNIM, is active in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger and is looking to expand into Benin and Togo. Those expansion locations could be used initially as hubs to rest, recuperate, get financing and gather weapons, according to U.S. officials, but the group also has increased

attacks there.

"Niger was immensely helpful for us as a location because it was in the Sahel and it was adjacent to those areas where the threat is most concentrated," Ekman said. Now, he said, the challenge is battling the insurgency while having to get access from outside Niger, which makes it more difficult.

He said other coastal West African nations are concerned about the Sahel-based threats and want to talk about how they can partner with American forces. Ekman added that the small teams of U.S. troops moving to other West African nations are not combat forces but advisers, as well as special operations, personnel recovery and intelligence and surveillance forces.

Talks with other nations continue, and Ekman said some may be interested but not ready to allow in more U.S. troops. One example, he said, is Togo, which is southwest of Niger on the coast.

"In Togo, what I find is a partner that is friendly to the U.S. but that right now is unresolved on the degree they want the presence of any additional U.S. military personnel there," he said. "My assessment was, 'Not

yet.'"

Speaking to reporters from The Associated Press and Reuters from the U.S. embassy in Niamey, Ekman said that while portable buildings and vehicles that are no longer useful will be left behind when U.S. troops leave Niger, a lot of larger equipment will be pulled out. For example, he said 18 4,000-pound (1,800-kilograms) generators worth more than \$1 million each will be taken out of Agadez.

Unlike the withdrawal from Afghanistan, he said the U.S. is not destroying equipment or facilities as it leaves.

"Our goal in the execution is, leave things in as good a state as possible," he said. "If we went out and left it a wreck or we went out spitefully, or if we destroyed things as we went, we'd be foreclosing options" for future security relations.

Niger's ruling junta ordered U.S. forces out of the country in the wake of last July's ouster of the country's democratically elected president by mutinous soldiers. French forces had also been asked to leave as the junta turned to the Russian mercenary group Wagner for security assistance. □

# Air travel is getting worse. That's what passengers are telling the U.S. government

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Air travel got more miserable last year, if the number of consumer complaints filed with the U.S. government is any measure.

The Transportation Department said Friday that it received nearly 97,000 complaints in 2023, up from about 86,000 the year before. The department said there were so many complaints that it took until July to sort through the filings and compile the figures.

That's the highest number of consumer complaints about airlines since 2020, when airlines were slow

to give customers refunds after the coronavirus pandemic shut down air travel. The increase in complaints came even as airlines canceled far fewer U.S. flights — 116,700, or 1.2% of the total, last year, compared with about 210,500, or 2.3%, in 2022, according to Flight-Aware data. However, delays remained stubbornly high last year, at around 21% of all flights.

So far this year, cancellations remain relatively low — about 1.3% of all flights — but delays are still running around 21%.

More than two-thirds of all



Holiday travelers wait for their luggage after arriving at Salt Lake City International Airport Wednesday, July 3, 2024, in Salt Lake City.

Associated Press

complaints last year dealt with U.S. airlines, but a quarter covered foreign airlines. Most of the rest were about

travel agents and tour operators.

Complaints about treating passengers with dis-

abilities rose by more than one-fourth compared with 2022. Complaints of discrimination, while small in number, also rose sharply. Most were about race or national origin.

Airlines receive many more complaints from travelers who don't know how or don't bother to complain to the government, but the carriers don't release those numbers.

The Transportation Department is modernizing its complaint-taking system, which the agency says will help it do a better job overseeing the airline industry. □



# Wisconsin Supreme Court changes course, will allow expanded use of ballot drop boxes this fall

By **TODD RICHMOND**

**Associated Press**

**MADISON, Wis. (AP)** — The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled Friday that officials can place ballot drop boxes around their communities in this fall's elections, overturning its own ruling two years ago limiting their use in the presidential swing state.

The court limited the use of drop boxes in July 2022, ruling then that they could be placed only in local election clerks' offices and no one other than the voter could return a ballot in person.

Conservatives controlled the court at that time, but Janet Protasiewicz's election victory in April 2023 flipped the court to liberal control. Seeing an opening, Priorities USA, a progressive voter mobilization group, asked the court in February to revisit the decision.

At least 29 other states allow for absentee ballot drop boxes, according to the U.S. Vote Foundation, and expanded use in Wisconsin could have major implications in the presidential race.



**Poll workers sort out early and absentee ballots at the Kenosha Municipal Building on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, in Kenosha, Wis.**

**Associated Press**

Wisconsin again figures to be a crucial swing state after President Joe Biden barely won it in 2020 and Donald Trump narrowly took it in 2016. Democrats believe that making it easier to vote absentee will boost turnout for their side. The justices announced in March they would review

the ban on drop boxes but wouldn't consider any other parts of the case. The move drew the ire of the court's conservatives, who accused the liberals of trying to give Democrats an advantage this fall. Democratic Gov. Tony Evers in April urged the court to again allow drop boxes.

The court ruled 4-3 on Friday that drop boxes can be utilized in any location. Justice Ann Walsh Bradley, one of the court's four liberal justices, wrote for the majority that placing a ballot in a drop box set up and maintained by a local election clerk is no different than giving the ballot

to the clerk, regardless of the box's location. Local clerks have great discretion in how they administer elections and that extends to using and locating drop boxes, she added.

"Our decision today does not force or require that any municipal clerks use drop boxes," Bradley wrote. "It merely acknowledges what (state law) has always meant: that clerks may lawfully utilize secure drop boxes in an exercise of their statutorily-conferred discretion."

All three conservative justices dissented. Justice Rebecca Bradley wrote that the liberals are simply trying to advance their political agenda and criticized them for ignoring the precedent set by the 2022 ruling.

"The majority in this case overrules (the 2022 decision) not because it is legally erroneous, but because the majority finds it politically inconvenient," Bradley wrote. "The majority's activism marks another triumph of political power over legal principle in this court." □

# Rail cars carrying hazardous material derail and catch fire in North Dakota



**This photo provided by Doug Zink, smoke fills the sky after a train derailment on Friday, July 5, 2024 near Carrington, N.D.**

**Associated Press**

By **JIM SALTER**

**Associated Press**

Rail cars carrying hazardous material that derailed early Friday were still burning more than 12 hours later in a remote area of North Dakota, but officials said no one was hurt and the threat to those living nearby appeared to be minimal.

Twenty-nine cars of a CPKC train derailed around 3:45 a.m. in a marshy area surrounded by farmland that's about 140 miles (225 kilometers) northwest of Fargo, said Andrew Kirking, emergency management director for Foster County. By late afternoon Friday, responders were able to "go on the offensive" in fighting the flames and have had

"some success knocking the fire down," Kirking said. With water on both sides of the tracks, officials were still working to get equipment close enough.

The cars were carrying anhydrous ammonia, sulfur and methanol, said Bill Suess, spill investigation program manager for the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality. The ammonia was the biggest risk, but wind was carrying the smoke away from the nearby town of Bordon, which has about 20 residents.

"Wind has been in our favor on this," Suess said. "That risk has greatly subsided. Still there as long as fires are burning." Exposure to high concen-

trations of ammonia in the air can cause burning of the eyes, nose, throat and respiratory tract, and can result in blindness, lung damage or death, health officials say. Exposure to lower amounts can result in coughing and irritation of the nose and throat. For now, officials do not plan to evacuate nearby residents, but that could change if the wind shifts, Suess said.

Kirking said the cause of the derailment wasn't known. The engineer and conductor got away safely, he said. □



## Land routes across Africa are twice as deadly for migrants as Mediterranean voyages, U.N. estimates

By JAMEY KEATEN  
Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — The United Nations and partners say more migrants and refugees in Africa are heading northward toward the Mediterranean and Europe, crossing perilous routes in the Sahara where criminal gangs subject them to enslavement, organ removal, rape, kidnapping for ransom and other abuses. A report released Friday by the U.N. refugee and migration agencies and the Mixed Migration Centre research group estimated that land routes in Africa are twice as deadly as the sea lanes across the Mediterranean which is the deadliest maritime route for migrants in the world. The report said new conflict and instability in countries including Mali, Burkina Faso and Sudan have been behind a rise in the number of journeys toward the Mediterranean. But Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Guinea were the top countries of origin of migrants. It comes as many politicians in Europe and beyond, in an important election year, have fanned or drawn support from anti-



From left, Vincent Cochetel, UNHCR special envoy for the Western & Central Mediterranean Situation, Laurence Hart, IOM director, coordination office for the Mediterranean- Chief of Mission for Italy and Malta- Representative for the Holy See Italia, and Bram Frouws, director of the Mixed Migration Centre, speak about the launch of new UNHCR / IOM / MMC report on risks faced by refugees and migrants on the Central Mediterranean route - "On this journey, nobody cares if you live or die," during a press conference at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Thursday, July 4, 2024.

Associated Press

immigrant sentiment. But conflict, economic strife, repression and the impact of climate change in many countries in the developing world has fanned the flow of migrants across borders nonetheless at the risk of physical abuse and death.

"Refugees and migrants are increasingly traversing areas where insurgent groups, militias and other criminal actors operate, and where human trafficking, kidnapping for ransom, forced labor and sexual exploitation are rife," accord-

ing to a summary of the report, which follows up on a similar study four years ago. The authors admit there are no comprehensive statistics on deaths on the land routes in Africa. But refugee agency UNHCR has cited a more-than-tripling

of the number of refugees and asylum-seekers in Tunisia a key transit country for migrants aiming to get to Europe between 2020 and 2023.

The report aimed to spotlight the dangers of land routes that lead to the Mediterranean, which was crossed by over 72,000 migrants and refugees in the first half of this year, and where 785 people have died or gone missing over those six months, according to UNHCR figures.

UNHCR special envoy Vincent Cochetel, citing accounts from some migrants and refugees who survived, said some smugglers dump sick people off pickup trucks ferrying them across the desert, or don't go back to retrieve others who fall off.

"Everyone that has crossed the Sahara can tell you of people they know who died in the desert, whereas you interview people in Lampedusa:

Not that many people will tell you about people they know who ... died at sea," he said, alluding to an Italian island in the Mediterranean. □

## 7 Palestinians killed in West Bank by an Israeli raid and airstrike in the Jenin area

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Palestinian authorities say seven people were killed Friday

during an Israeli military operation in the area of the West Bank city of Jenin,



Palestinian firefighters work in the rubble of a home destroyed in an Israeli military operation in the West Bank city of Jenin, Friday, July 5, 2024.

Associated Press

where the Israeli military said it had been carrying out "counterterrorism activity" that included an airstrike.

The military said Israeli soldiers had "encircled a building where terrorists have barricaded themselves in" and the soldiers had exchanged fire with those inside, while an airstrike had "struck several armed terrorists" in the area.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said a total of seven people had been killed, but did not specify whether they died in the exchange of fire or the airstrike. The Islamic Jihad militant group named four of the dead as

its members.

The clashes in Jenin, a known militant stronghold where the army frequently operates, came a day after an Israeli anti-settlement monitoring group said the government plans to build nearly 5,300 new homes in settlements in the occupied West Bank.

The construction plans revealed by the Peace Now group are part of the hard-line government's efforts to beef up settlements as part of a strategy of cementing Israel's control over the West Bank to prevent a future Palestinian state. The Palestinians seek the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza areas captured by

Israel in the 1967 Mideast war for an independent state.

Violence has spiraled in the West Bank since the start of Israel's war in Gaza, sparked by the Oct. 7 raid into southern Israel by Hamas militants who killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took more than 200 others as hostages. The Palestinian Health Ministry says over 500 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire in the West Bank since the start of the war. Most have been killed during Israeli raids and violent protests. The dead also include bystanders and Palestinians killed in attacks by Jewish settlers. □



# Beryl batters Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula as Texas officials urge coastal residents to prepare

By **MARTÍN SILVA** and **JOHN MYERS JR.**

**Associated Press**

**TULUM, Mexico (AP)** — Beryl battered Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on Friday after hitting near the resort town of Tulum, whipping trees and knocking out power, while officials in Texas urged coastal residents to prepare as the storm moves toward the Gulf of Mexico. Beryl hit Mexico as a Category 2 hurricane but weakened to a tropical storm as it moved across the peninsula. The U.S. National Hurricane Center expects Beryl to regain hurricane strength once it emerges into the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where it is forecast to head toward northeastern Mexico and southern Texas, an area soaked by Tropical Storm Alberto just a couple of weeks ago. Beryl spread destruction in Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Barbados this week after becoming the earliest storm to develop into a Category 5 hurricane in the Atlantic. Three people have been reported dead in Grenada, three in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, three in Venezuela and two in Jamaica, officials said.



**Soldiers ask a tourist to evacuate Mirador beach ahead of Hurricane Beryl's expected arrival in Tulum, Mexico, July 4, 2024.**

**Associated Press**

Mexican authorities had moved some tourists and residents out of low-lying areas around the Yucatan Peninsula before landfall, but tens of thousands remained to tough out the strong winds and storm surge. Much of the area around Tulum is just a few yards (meters) above sea level. The city was plunged into darkness when the storm knocked out power as it came ashore. Screech-

ing winds set off car alarms across the town. Wind and rain continued to whip the seaside city and surrounding areas Friday morning. Army brigades roved the streets of the tourist city, clearing fallen trees and power lines. After seeing Beryl tear through the Caribbean, 37-year-old Lucía Nagera Balcaza was among those who stocked up on food and hid away in their

homes.

"Thank god, we woke up this morning and everything was all right," she said. "The streets are a disaster, but we're out here cleaning up." Although no dead or wounded have been reported, nearly half of Tulum continued to be without electricity, said Laura Velázquez, national coordinator of Mexican Civil Protection.

The storm's center Friday afternoon was about 60 miles (95 kilometers) northwest of the town Dzilam and moving west-northwest at 15 mph (about 24 kph), Mexican authorities said. Beryl had maximum sustained winds of 70 mph (115 kph). In Texas, some counties have already issued voluntary evacuation orders in low-lying areas. Along the Texas coast in Corpus Christi, city officials announced it had distributed 10,000 sandbags in less than two hours Friday, exhausting its supply.

"This is a determined storm that is still strong," Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said.

Patrick has issued a preemptive disaster declaration for 39 counties, which allows state and local authorities to start planning and contracting for response.

Nim Kidd, chief of state emergency operations, said oil companies have started moving employees off oil rigs along the coast that may be in the path of the storm.

While many in the Yucatan Peninsula took a deep breath, Jamaica and other islands ravaged by the hurricane were still reeling. □

# Albanian authorities strip ethnic Greek mayor of his post for alleged vote buying

By **LLAZAR SEMINI**

**Associated Press**

**TIRANA, Albania (AP)** — Albanian election authorities on Friday stripped an ethnic Greek minority mayor of his post after he was imprisoned on charges of vote-buying in municipal elections last year. A new election will be held Aug. 4. Fredis Beleris, 51, was elected mayor of the Albanian city of Himare a town in the Albanian Riviera 240 kilometers (150 miles) south of the capital, Tirana, that has a Greek minority presence in May 2023. He was arrested two days before

the election while allegedly offering 40,000 Albanian leks (360 euros; \$390) to buy

eight votes.

Last month an Albanian appeals court upheld a



**Fredis Beleris looks on as Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis visits to the ethnic Greek minority of Albania, in Himare, Albania, on Dec. 22, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

two-year prison sentence for Beleris, a move which exacerbated tensions with neighboring Greece.

In response to Friday's decision, the Greek foreign ministry issued a statement saying Beleris' case "raises several questions concerning fundamental principles of the rule of law" in Albania.

Beleris belongs to the Human Rights Union Party of the ethnic Greek minority, but in last year's municipal vote he was the candidate for a coalition that also included the center-left Freedom Party of former President Ilir Meta and

a breakaway group from the center-right opposition Democratic Party of former Prime Minister and President Sali Berisha.

Beleris has denied the charges, and Athens has described his detention as politically motivated.

Beleris, who has dual citizenship, also won a Greek seat in the European Parliament representing the governing conservative New Democracy party in European Union elections last month.

Greece has warned Albania that Beleris' case could negatively impact its application to join the EU. □



## Meet our Aruban trailblazers: Padu Lampe

(Oranjestad)—This week we remember one of our most beloved Aruban giant, Juan Chabaya Lampe—better known as Padu Lampe or Padu del Caribe. As one of the most important and renowned artists in the Aruban cultural sphere, Padu's long career led him to be honored today as "the father of culture."

On April 26th, 1920, Juan Chabaya Lampe "Padu Lampe/Padu del Caribe" was born in Nassaustraat, Oranjestad. He grew up in a happy musical environment, and it is because of this that he developed a love for music. Starting from the age of 12, he was agile in the clarinet, mandolin and cuatro. Henry Lampe, his father, was also a well-known pianist and musician.

In a publication of the informative seminar, "Observer", from August 1st, 1962, Padu's many merits and friendly personality stood out. It was said that he was an excellent pianist with a



personal style and full of surprises. Secondly, though the composer was not too familiar with music theory, he showed innovations in his compositions. Lastly, Padu was a promoter of Creole music around the world.

One of the most important moments in Aruban history, in which he was able to witness first-hand, was the first radio broadcast on the island on March 20th, 1954. Here, he was accompanied by Antillean guitarist Julian Coco and Hubert "Loi" Booi.

In the art world, Padu was also a known painter. Dur-



ing his youth, he made several paintings using his unique style. In 1939, he participated in an art exhibit in New York, where he won a bronze medal for his painting "Typical View of Aruba."

Padu remained a popular artist within the Dutch Antilles and the Caribbean as a pianist, singer, author and painter. Padu Lampe was a local artist who became renowned in Venezuela, Colombia, The U.S. and The Netherlands too. In the 1950s, he sold no less than 50 thousand copies of his long-playing albums (LPs).

Padu Lampe was a multi-faceted artist, inspired by his interest in parapsychology and supernatural phenomenon. He wrote three books in Papiamentu on the subject in 1986, which

was published by the Aruban National Printing Press with sponsorship provided by the Prince Bernhard Funds Netherlands Antilles.

Besides that, Padu passed his exam on "Society to Advanced Ethical Hypnosis" in 1964 in New Jersey. He received a certificate as a hypnotechician, which gave him the authority to practice hypnosis in some states.

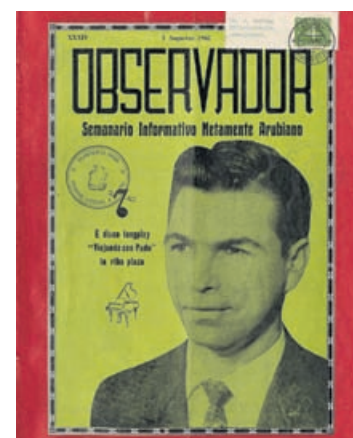
Over the course of his career, he received many accolades and awards in Aruba, Curacao, Venezuela and the Netherlands.

Padu del Caribe passed away on November 29th, 2019, at the age of 99 years old. Padu brought the Aruban culture around the world. His legacy will remain ingrained in the Aruban cultural history, and he will be known forever as one of the most influential trailblazers of our community.

Padu will always be in Aruba's heart, because

he had composed various special songs dedicated to the mothers of the island; his song "Sonrisa di un baby" ("A baby's Smile") has been written in three different languages. Padu also wrote our national anthem "Aruba Dushi Tera", along with Mr. Rufo Wever. This song was approved by the government of Aruba and was named the official anthem of the island in 1976.

Other songs that have been considered as being almost a second anthem for Arubans is the special composition he wrote for his wife Daisy Croes called "Abo so". Daisy later passed away in 1994.



## Craving a late-night snack? We got you covered!

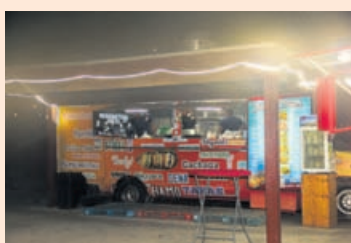
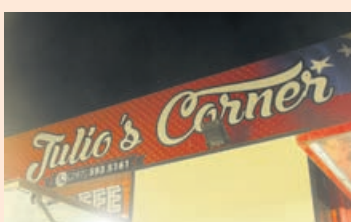
(Oranjestad)—After a night out it's custom to grab yourself a late-night snack on the road. Here in Aruba, there are dozens of food trucks that you can visit to enjoy a late-night bite. Here are a few that can be found in the down town/hotel area.

**Chalo burger**  
Chalo burger is a favorite among locals, and it's due to its popularity that it has branched out to different parts on the island. One of its main locations is in Palm Beach, near the hotel area.



Chalo offers a variety of fast-food meals, like hamburgers, hotdogs, loaded fries and more! A popular dish among locals is the Salchipapa: loaded fries with sausages, cheese and a mix of sweet and savory sauce. Perfect for those late-night cravings!

Chalo is open Wednesdays through Mondays from 7pm to 12 am (Fridays till 1am), and is located at Palm Beach 178 (a little past the roundabout near the Piazza Gianni's). Other Locations include Tanki



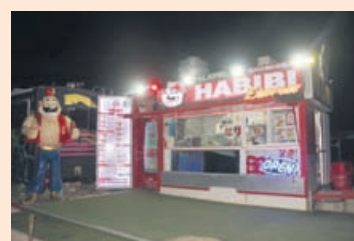
Leendert and Savaneta.

**Julio's Corner**  
Situating in a nice little corner off the highway, Julio's Corner has a huge menu comprised of different dishes and snacks, all made with a Venezuelan twist! From arepa's to chicken wings, to pizzas and burgers, Julio's Corner has it all to satisfy your taste! Editor's

choice for what to get at Julio's Corner is the quesadilla, which comes with a side of fries.

Julio's Corner is open Mondays through Saturday from 6pm to 2am (Fridays and Saturdays up to 4am), and is located in the parking lot of the Eagle Bowling Palace, right on the other side of the road from the Sasaki gas station.

**Habibi Express**  
Habibi Express is a Lebanese food truck stand, one of very few food trucks on the island to sell Mediter-



ranean food. Located right at the entrance of The Local Market near the cruise ship port, here you can fill your stomach (and heart) with a variety of options like shawarmas, doners, kapsalons and more, all 100% halal. When asked, the chef there recommends all foodies to try their lamb shawarma, as it's a favorite among guests.

Habibi Express is open every day from 5pm to 12am. While you're there, how about a picture with the genie?





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## Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names

Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.

With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you'll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

**Anabui/Tierra Del Sol**  
This neighborhood can be seen on Van Raders map and Werbata as Anna Boei. Anna Boei is a name of which there isn't much information about its origin.



The best historians were able to deduce is that this name came to be because of a miscommunication between Van Spengler and the natives who were living on the island. In the Arawak/Taino language one can find the word Anaiboa, which consists of Ana meaning flower or the best and lboa; the juice of a cassava, which together would mean "the best juice of a cassava".

If one assumes that the actual word heard was Anaboio instead, consisting of Ana meaning the best and Boio (bohio); house, the iteration of Anabui would mean "the best house." This is the origin that has been more or less speculated and assumed for the word Anabui and it's meaning.

During the second world war and



later, this area was used as a terrain for training of shooting by militia and latero n Korps Mariniers (the marines of Aruba). By the end of the previous century a large part of Anabui was developed to have luxurious villas and a golf course, which lead to it getting the name Tierra Del Sol, Spanish for Land of the Sun. The name is not an official name, but the name of the development project that took place. It is hoped that the original and 'old' name of Anabui is never lost and now it will be remembered by both locals and tourists.

### Angochi

This name can be seen on the Werbata map with little and cursive letters. It is the unofficial name for the



area given by a tenant to the land that was rented to him.

The biggest probability that historians believe is that it comes from native descent, during the time in the 19th century where Mestizos still lived on Aruba. The name can't really be explain and according to books on its history seems to be more of a sign of corruption.

However, it seems to come from combining A(n), which is a generalizing prefix and Goeiza, which means 'the spirit of a living man'. Angochi remains more of a guess.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; An.

## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Aruba Beach Club!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honorees were respectively honored with a certificate for their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honorary certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three levels of honor are as fol-

lows:

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Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:

Distinguished Visitors  
Mr. Jimmy & Mrs. Rido Pham from Everett Massachusetts, United States.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Aruba Beach



Club bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba is a beautiful island.
- Aruba is safe.
- Aruba's weather.
- Aruba is family friendly.
- "Bingo with Vanessa at Aruba Beach Club"

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island".



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## Alto Vista chapel and its link to Aruba's origins

According to Etnia Nativa, in the 18th century most of the inhabitants of Aruba were indigenous who lived on the north coast, one of the largest communities lived in Alto Vista.



rishioners in their prayers.

As they were very religious, they had a chief with the name of Antonio Silvester who guided them in the Christian life and it was he who decided to build a stone chapel with a roof of corn rods, which would serve as a place of prayer. In 1750 it was blessed by Father Algamesi who came from Coro-Venezuela and appointed Domingo Antonio Silvester as the island's first prosecutor in the name of the Spanish crown and Rome. In 1752 the prosecution passed into the hands of Antonio Silvester's son-in-law, Miguel Álvarez, who continued to guide the pa-

According to the book, The History of Alto Vista by R.H. Nooyen, it is not known when Domingo Antonio Silvester came to Aruba from Venezuela. The elders believe Antonio was a Spaniard. In 1780, father Joseph Antonio de la Vegal called Bernardino Silvester, one of Antonio's sons with his wife Anna Cathalina Tromp, "neighbors and naturals of the island Aruba" and thus they became natives.

At the end of the eighteen century many inhabitants the island died as a result of the black fever epidemic



and since people believed that the Alto Vista area was the most infected, they began to build their homes further south within the Noord area, so the town of Noord began to grow into a community till getting its own Church. However religious festivals continued to be celebrated at this sacred native place, with the custom of arriving in procession to Alto Vista.

Two-hundred years after the beautiful time of Alto

Vista, people can no longer see much of the town of Alto Vista from 1750. With a lot of work they found the old foundations of the Church of the Queen of the Holiest Rosary to build a new chapel on the same place. The entire surrounding area was empty and desolated, making it hard to imagine that Alto Vista was a town at all. A hundred years later, people can see the remains of around twenty houses, some made of stone and others of clay. Nowadays, only around six of these houses remain.

South of the chapel in the yard two graves can be observed, there was the cemetery which father Pablo de Algemesi blessed. It is not certain, but it is believed that the two graves belong to Antonio Silvester

and Miguel Alvares, according to Nooyen. About 50 meters near the chapel there are still the markings of an old house, where Antonio and Bernardino Silvester would have lived. About 200 meters from the chapel there is a water tank which the locals call Tanki Cacique. In the past this tank was closed. But mostly water was brought out from the Poz di Noord, a well dug in the sand.

The chapel can be viewed from basically any point in the north side, even from Paradera and Sero Plat. All the historical remains around the chapel provide us with an idea on how the old people of Alto Vista used to live. Don't miss the opportunity to visit a place of historical significance with a window to Aruba's past.

## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Costa Linda Beach Resort!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba. The honorees were respectively honored with a certificate for their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

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The honorees were:  
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Mr. Michael & Mrs. Maria Meschino from Rochester

New York, United States.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Costa Linda Beach Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by

the honorees were:

- The people of Aruba are very friendly and welcoming.
- Aruba's beaches.
- Aruba's weather.
- Aruba's pristine ocean water.
- Aruba's Safety.

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island".





## Did you know about...

### Basic driving rules on Aruba (part 2)

(Oranjestad)—In Yesterday's issue, we've provided some basic rules when driving on the four-lane highways and roundabouts on the island. Today, we want to offer you more tips and tricks when it comes to driving on the roads and highways of Aruba.

#### Speed limit in certain areas

As mentioned in yesterday's issue, the legal minimum and maximum speed limit on the island is 50 and 80 km/h respectively. However, there are some areas where it is mandated to drive up to a certain speed. This is always indicated by a circular traffic sign with red border and the number 50 on it. Signs like these are always paired

by a similar sign with the number crossed out further down the road. This means that the mandate for this speed is now over; you may increase your velocity. Red borders on traffic sign—whether it's a circle or triangle—usually signal a warning, prohibition or preference.

Besides the "50" sign, you may also

encounter a traffic sign that says "bebouwde kom". These can be found in San Nicolas and Oranjestad. Bebouwde kom signs are rectangular and blue, and essentially tell you that you are in a heavily inhabited area. The maximum speed limit in a bebouwde kom is 50 km/h. Just like the previous pair, bebouwde kom signs are also paired with a similar sign crossed out.

#### Priority signs

On the main roads of Aruba (not the highways), you may see a yellow, squared sign with a white border. This sign tells you that on this road, you have priority and all other traffic should yield to you. This sign can be seen in Savaneta for example. So, if you are driving on the main road in Savaneta going to San Nicolas, you are driving on a single long road, and other cars that want to get on this main road or cross it, either from an intersection or from a dirt road, must all wait until traffic on the main road is clear. In other words, you do not have to stop for them. This sign too has a counter part that indicates that your priority is over.

Another priority sign you may encounter is a triangle sign with a red border and something that looks like a cross. You'll see this sign in an intersection. The general rule of thumb for crossing an intersection that do not contain traffic lights, roundabouts, sign or arrows on the road, is to always yield for traffic on your right. However, if you encounter this sign on your side of the intersection, you have priority over the other cars, even the one on your right.

However, be careful not to confuse this sign with a similar up-side down triangle, also found on intersections. This sign is a prohibition sign, telling you that you have to stop and give other cars priority. Of course you also have a "stop" sign that mean the same thing. The stop sign is generally used for tricky intersections with minimal view of opposite incoming traffic.

These are some of the basic rules that you would have to know if you decide to drive on the island. These are of course other traffic signs, and we recommend you visit [aruba-travelguide.com](http://aruba-travelguide.com) for an extensive overview of all traffic signs used on Aruba. □

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bebouwde kom



end bebouwde kom



end priority



end speed limit



intersection priority



priority



speed limit



stop sign



triangle stop sign



## Meet Aruba's biggest hero Boy Ecury

**(Oranjestad)—This past May 4th, Aruba as well as The Netherlands commemorated those who sadly perished during the Second World War. As is known around the globe, this chapter in world history is one of the most tragic yet, and many soldiers and rebels have died on the frontline during this time.**

One of those rebels who have fought against the Nazi regime, was an Aruban named Segundo Jorge Adelberto "Boy" Ecury. Born in Aruba on April 23rd, 1922, Boy spent his childhood on the island, before being sent to The Netherlands by his father when he was 15 years old to continue his studies abroad. This was in 1937, three years before WWII broke out.

During the war, he actively participated in the rebellion in The Netherlands against the Nazi regime, but his rebellious streak and constant drive to fight for justice began even before the war broke out. Being a person of color with a Haitian heritage living in The Netherlands made him vulnerable to discrimination, and this inspired him to be an activist, to stand up and fight against discrimination and oppres-



sion.

After seeing the horrific bombings of Rotterdam first-hand, he decided to join the resistance. At the same time, he was still studying and living with family in Tilburg. It was there where he met people who printed and distributed the rebellion newspaper. This would be the first of three rebellion group that he would join throughout his 4-year service to the resistance.

Boy's primary task as member of the group was to distract the German soldiers while others ran into hiding into alleyways. This he was able to do because of his skin color and confronting demeanor. Boy also participated in the multiple sabotaging operations against the German military occupying The Netherlands. These included bombings on German military trucks and trains. The group also

helped people go into hiding, as well as opened fire against allies of the Nazi regime. In these operations, Boy really stood out for his cold bloodedness.

In 1943, he received a notice to be placed for work in Germany. This he refused, of course, and went into hiding using multiple addresses in multiple cities. Because he was a wanted man, he of course could not continue to be active as a rebel. However, stubborn and naturally rebellious as he was, he always tried to join in on the operations regardless.

In 1944, after his friend Luis de Lanoy, a fellow rebel from Curacao, was arrested and executed, he moved to Delft, where he joined his third and last group in Rotterdam. During this time, he wrote a goodbye letter for his family, possibly knowing the risks of him being

active again in the big cities. Eventually, he proved himself right. On November 5th, 1944, Boy Ecury was arrested by German soldiers. He was placed in the "Oranje-hotel" prison in Scheveningen, The Hague, where he was questioned. Despite being given away by an acquaintance, he himself never gave away the names of his comrades. Famously, he told his cell mate: "I will die with a smile on my face."

On November 6th, 1944, Ecury was executed. He was only 22 years old.

Ecury was buried with military honor. In 1949, the Aruban Government erected a monumental bust of him in front of what is now the linear park trail, and in 1984 he received the Resistance Memorial Cross postmortem.

Boy's life motto was this: "In my father's house, there is no place for a traitor."

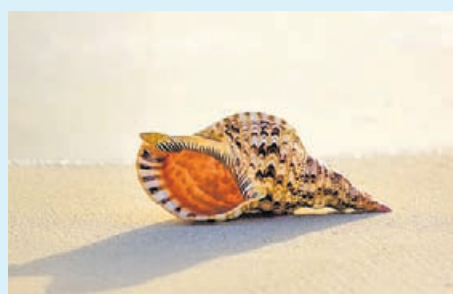
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## Prohibited by law: leaving the island with seashells, white sand or corals

**(Oranjestad)—Often times, the customs department at the airport intercepts many tourists leaving the island with seashells, white sand and/or corals as souvenirs.**

Conforming to the international treaty of CITES and our local law which protects our Flora & Fauna, it is absolutely prohibited to take any seashell, sand and coral outside of Aruba. This is to protect our environment. The high number of sea-



shells, coral and amount of sand confiscated is very strange and it is suspected that our own locals are the ones selling these to the tour-

ists, which is unacceptable.

Upon confiscation at the airport, you can also face a fine that they have to pay before leaving. This is surely not a pleasant experience for the tourist. This also leads to a negative reaction which can put our tourism in a negative light.

Though we love to accommodate our visitors, let's all give nature the respect it deserves by protecting

our environment. Stop collecting seashells, white sand and corals from our shores and stop buying or accepting these from local sellers or companies.

We want our future generations and visitors to enjoy the beauty of our beaches, shells and corals in a sustainable way, without destroying or disrupting the Aruban ecosystem. Help us protect what is ours!



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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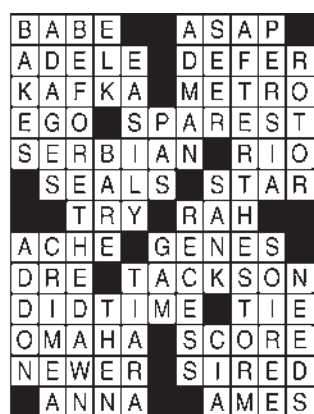
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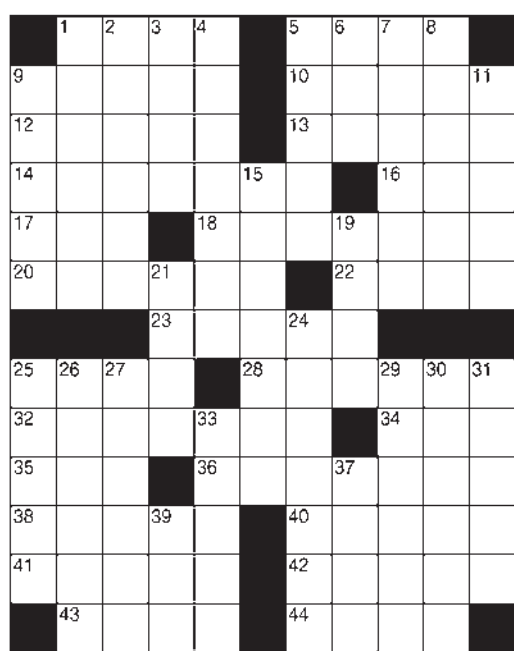
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HE WHO KNOWS DOES NOT SPEAK. HE WHO SPEAKS DOES NOT KNOW. — LAO TZU

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TUE	23	CARNIVAL HORIZON	09.00	22.00	C	1
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## Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

### Electrical power



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### Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

### Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

### Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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# These oldest inhabited termite mounds have been active for 34,000 years

By GERALD IMRAY

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) —

Scientists in South Africa have been stunned to discover that termite mounds that are still inhabited in an arid region of the country are more than 30,000 years old, meaning they are the oldest known active termite hills.

Some of the mounds near the Buffels River in Namaqualand were estimated by radiocarbon dating to be 34,000 years old, according to the researchers from Stellenbosch University.

"We knew they were old, but not that old," said Michele Francis, senior lecturer in the university's department of soil science who led the study. Her paper was published in May. Francis said the mounds existed while saber-toothed cats and woolly mammoths roamed other parts of the Earth and large swathes of Europe and Asia were covered in ice. They predate some of the earliest cave paintings in Europe.

Some fossilized termite mounds have been discovered dating back millions of years. The oldest inhabited mounds before this study were found in Brazil and are around 4,000 years old. They are visible from space.



In this undated photo provided to the Associated Press by Stellenbosch University researcher, Michele Francis, right, and other researchers, pose for a selfie, next to an ancient termite mound in Namaqualand, South Africa.

Associated Press

Francis said the Namaqualand mounds are a termite version of an "apartment complex" and the evidence shows they have been consistently inhabited by termite colonies. Termite mounds are a famous feature of the Namaqualand landscape, but no one suspected their age until samples of them were taken to experts in Hungary for radiocarbon

dating. "People don't know that these are special, ancient landscapes that are preserved there," Francis said. Some of the biggest mounds known locally as "heuweltjies," which means little hills in the Afrikaans language measure around 100 feet (30 meters) across. □

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# Movie Review: Eddie Murphy returns to Beverly Hills, which is good enough for everyone

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Judge Reinhold is in a truck barreling down the highway chased by angry cops when he turns to Eddie Murphy at the wheel and says something we're all feeling, "God, I missed you, Axel." We all really did, but we get the sarcastic and sweet Axel Foley once again in Netflix's "Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F," exactly 30 years since "1994's Beverly Hills Cop III." Is the new movie any good? Who cares? The fourth outing brings back not just Murphy and Reinhold to the Axel Foley Cinematic Universe, but also long-time co-stars Paul Reiser, John Ashton and Bronson Pinchot. Kevin Bacon, Taylour Paige and Joseph Gordon-Levitt make their debuts.

The plot is pretty simple: Murphy's Foley is living his best cop life in Detroit destroying things spectacularly when he's asked to urgently return to Beverly Hills to help his estranged daughter, played with real grit by Taylour Paige. He then gets caught up in a



This image released by Netflix shows Eddie Murphy, left, and Taylour Paige in "Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F."

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murder case that has dirty cops and lets him make fun of snooty Beverly Hills. Newcomers may be puzzled by the slow pace and '80s feel of Mark Molloy's directed sequel. It's not as funny as previous ones or ambitious in the way sequels for beloved franchis-

es have gotten. But it has Murphy blowing stuff up and joking about it all we need, really. "Goddamn, Foley. Here we go again," says Ashton, playing the exasperated chief of police, and that sentiment runs through the fourth entry. All you need

to make your Gen X friends happy is a montage of Murphy behind the wheel while "The Heat Is On" by Glenn Frey plays. ("Neutron Dance" by The Pointer Sisters also returns). Speaking of music, the filmmakers seem to want to break some sort of record

for Most Theme Song Plays in a Single Movie, as the instrumental tune "Axel F" by Harold Faltermeyer is cued up, by one rough count, approximately 5,000 times. There are also a lot of vehicles commandeered in "Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F," perhaps a nod to the advanced age of the core group. There's a snowplow, a helicopter, a golf cart and trucks, none of which are returned in mint condition.

The screenwriters Will Beall, Tom Gormican and Kevin Etten leave plenty of places for Murphy to improvise but also craft some surprisingly strong dialogue between Foley and his 32-year-old daughter, both nursing hurt feelings.

"You didn't fight. I'm your daughter. The only thing you've ever fought for is your job," she tells him. "Look, we both messed this thing up. All right? Let's just call it even." Come for the explosions, stay for the heart-to-hearts.

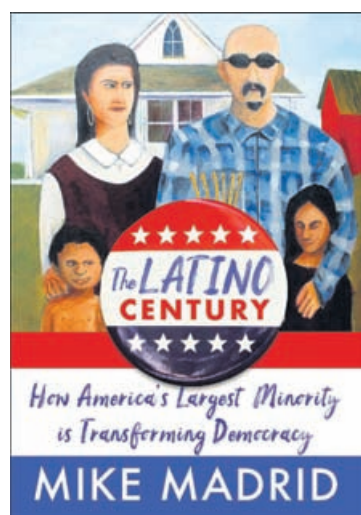
Murphy uses Mary J. Blige's "Family Affair" and proves it. □

# Pollster who wrote 'The Latino Century' says both political parties get Hispanics wrong

By ANITA SNOW

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Mike Madrid, author of the



This book cover image released by Simon & Schuster shows "The Latino Century: How America's Largest Minority is Transforming Democracy" by Mike Madrid. Associated Press

new book "The Latino Century," is better situated than most political consultants to comment on the U.S. Latino electorate because of his job experience and upbringing. Growing up in a Mexican American family in Southern California, Madrid says he became a Republican in his heart at age 9 when Ronald Reagan was first elected president in 1980. A longtime GOP member, he has advised high profile candidates at the state and national level. A critic of former president Donald Trump since he launched his 2016 campaign with an attack on Mexicans, Madrid is also co-founder of the anti-Trump Lincoln Project. Madrid says both Republicans and Democratic

operatives are getting the Latino electorate all wrong in the lead up to the 2024 presidential cycle, when Hispanics could play a crucial role. He says jobs and the economy are consistently the top issues for Latinos, and it's a mistake to assume they are simply an aggrieved minority focused on immigration, farmworkers and the border. He also notes that many U.S. Latinos are not immigrants, and plenty don't speak Spanish at all. But Madrid says Latinos should play a larger role in U.S. democracy as a fast-growing, optimistic group that now represents about 19% of the country's population. That's larger than any other racial or ethnic minority.

Madrid proposes the idea of a multiethnic, pluralistic democracy in which the fight is for something, not against something. He also calls for both parties to take into account the views not only of naturalized Latino immigrants but also their U.S. born children and grandchildren, who see policy more in generational than ethnic terms. The consultant faults Democratic Party advisors for sometimes incorrectly assuming their party speaks for all Latinos. He also sees a partisan bias among some Democratic research firms that have missed the rightward shift of Hispanics voters while oversampling of Spanish speakers and naturalized immigrants. While most Latinos are still Demo-

crats, the party has steadily lost support among Latinos as it focuses on white, progressive, college educated voters who are more interested in cultural issues than working class concerns. As for Republicans, Madrid says the GOP needs to understand that the rightward shift by Latino voters in recent elections has little to do with its efforts. Instead, it reflects the assimilation of a group of people whose families have been in the U.S. for years, if not generations. He says that the GOP's almost exclusive focus on white, non-college educated voters is not helping the party with Latino voters. Nor is its use of racial wedge issues such as demonizing Latin American immigrants. □



# Evenepoel wins Tour de France time trial with vintage performance in Burgundy vineyards

**GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, France (AP)** — Race-against-the-clock specialist Remco Evenepoel displayed impressive power and precision in winning the Tour de France's first time trial on Friday.

In his slipstream was every other contender for the yellow jersey, including holder Tadej Pogacar.

Despite a small problem with his bike close to the finish that cost him a few seconds, the Tour debutant mastered the 25-kilometer (16-mile) stage in the Burgundy Grand Crus wine country to dominate his first win at cycling's biggest race.

Evenepoel clocked 28 minutes, 52 seconds to beat Pogacar by 12 seconds. Primož Roglič was third, 34 seconds behind. Evenepoel has now won stages at all three Grands Tours the Giro d'Italia, Tour and Vuelta. Evenepoel, who was first at all intermediate check points, stayed in second place in the general classification, 33 seconds behind Pogacar. Two-time defending champion Jo-



**Stage winner Belgium's Remco Evenepoel strains during the seventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race, an individual time-trial over 25.3 kilometers (15.7 miles) with start Nuits-Saint-Georges and finish in Gevrey-Chambertin, France, Friday, July 5, 2024.**

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nas Vingegaard was third overall, 1:15 behind. Pogacar added 25 seconds on Vingegaard, taking his revenge from last year's time trial in Combloux where the Slovenian was at the receiving end of a sobering beating by the Dane. Vingegaard, how-

ever, did not lose too much time and the gap between them was not that big with more than two weeks of hard racing remaining.

"I gained time on Primož and on Jonas and the other guys, I can be really happy," Pogacar said. "I need to keep an eye on Remco

now, he is a bit closer. They can show good legs in the next mountain stages. Still a long way to go."

Pogacar collected his 26th yellow jersey. One more and he'll join Vingegaard in 15th spot on the all-time ranking for the most days at the top of the general clas-

sification.

There was a big question mark over Vingegaard's form before the start following the crash that wreaked havoc with his season. Vingegaard was hospitalized for nearly two weeks in Spain in April following a high-speed crash in the Tour of the Basque Country. He sustained a broken collarbone and ribs and a collapsed lung.

Evenepoel has been regarded as a cycling prodigy for years. A versatile rider, he has won the 2022 Vuelta and classics after recovering from a horrific crash during a race in Italy in 2020.

He won the world time trial last year and the road race in 2022. He needed surgery this season after breaking a collarbone and shoulder blade in a crash at the Tour of Basque Country. The two-time world champion will lead Belgium's men's team in road cycling at the Paris Olympics.

"As for the rest of the Tour de France, I believe Tadej is going to be unreachable," Evenepoel said. □

# Justin Steele pitches a 2-hitter for his first career complete game as Cubs beat Angels 5-1

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**

AP Sports Writer

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Justin Steele pitched a two-hitter for his first career complete game, Seiya Suzuki homered and the Chicago Cubs beat the Los Angeles Angels 5-1 on Friday.

Steele (1-3) dazzled in his first victory in 13 starts this season. The left-hander threw 95 pitches, striking out seven and walking two, while lowering his ERA from 3.20 to 2.95.

The crowd of 36,948 cheered when he came out for the ninth inning and roared when Brandon Drury grounded out to end the game.

The Cubs won their second straight after losing eight of 10. The Angels dropped their fifth in a row since a

season-high six-game win streak.

Steele won 16 games last season and made his first All-Star team. He missed six weeks this year after straining his left hamstring in the opener at Texas and hadn't received much run support since his return. He got enough this time.

Suzuki hit a two-run drive in the first inning against Griffin Canning (3-9), driving a 2-2 pitch to the basket for his 12th home run and fourth in nine games. Ian Happ added RBI singles in the third and fifth after driving in a career-high six runs in Thursday's romp over Philadelphia. Tomas Nido doubled and scored in the sixth. Shut out the previous two games at Oakland, Los Angeles scored and got its

only hits in the fifth. Keston Hiura singled and came home from second on Taylor Ward's base hit.

Canning lasted 4 1/3 innings, allowing four runs and six hits.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: The Angels placed 3B Luis Rengifo (right wrist inflammation) on the 10-day injured list. Rengifo exited Wednesday's game at Oakland after fouling a ball off his lower right arm near the wrist. He had an MRI on Friday. ... 3B Anthony Rendon (left hamstring strain) was to face live pitching against minor leaguers Friday and Saturday at Angel Stadium, manager Ron Washington said. He is expected to get 15 to 20 at-bats each day.

Cubs: CF Pete Crow-Arm-

strong was out of the lineup for the second straight game after suffering a cut on his left hand against Philadelphia on Wednesday. Manager Craig Counsell

said the hand was swollen. ... RHP Yency Almonte (strained right shoulder) was still deciding between surgery or a strengthening program. □



**Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Justin Steele throws the ball during the first inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels Friday, July 5, 2024, in Chicago.**

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# Defending Wimbledon champion Carlos Alcaraz comes back to beat Frances Tiafoe in the third round

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**LONDON (AP)** — Carlos Alcaraz found himself pushed to a Grand Slam fifth set again, this time at Wimbledon, this time against good pal Frances Tiafoe. And as he usually does under such circumstances, no matter how much trouble he might have been in, Alcaraz surged to the finish. Avoiding a surprising exit, the defending champion got past Tiafoe 5-7, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2 on Friday to reach Wimbledon's fourth round in an entertaining match filled with moments of brilliance and a series of momentum swings across its 3 hours, 50 minutes.

"I push the opponent just to be at 100%, physically and mentally, and play at 100%," Alcaraz said, describing the mindset that has helped him go 12-1 in five-setters. "Sometimes for the other player, it's difficult to (stay) at this kind of intensity."

In front of a Centre Court crowd that included Kansas City Chiefs star quarterback Patrick Mahomes and Oscar-winning actor Dustin Hoffman, and under a closed retractable roof that amplified the thuds of rackets-on-balls, grunts and cheers, the third-seeded Alcaraz was outplayed for stretches by No. 29 Tiafoe. But Alcaraz was better at



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz plays shot between his legs to Francis Tiafoe of the United States during their third round match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Friday, July 5, 2024.

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the business end, the way he was when overturning 2-1 deficits in sets before winning in five in the semi-finals and final en route to the French Open title last month.

"I let him dictate a little too much," Tiafoe said. "Yeah, I mean, that's kind of all it was."

He was unable to pull out what would have been a breakthrough victory for someone who arrived at Wimbledon with a sprained ligament in his right knee and a losing record this season.

Sure came close, though. The 26-year-old American was two points away from getting the chance to serve for the win, getting to love-30 on Alcaraz's serve at 4-all in the fourth set.

"Huge," Tiafoe called it.

But Alcaraz claimed the next four points, capped by an ace at 130 mph (210 kph). He then dominated the ensuing tiebreaker, grabbing a 5-0 lead.

In the final set, Tiafoe held in the opening game, but that was pretty much that. At 1-all, Alcaraz got the

last break he needed by smacking a passing shot Tiafoe let fly by; the ball at the baseline, spraying chalk.

Women reaching the fourth round on a rainy day were 2023 U.S. Open champion Coco Gauff, 2021 U.S. Open winner Emma Raducanu, French Open runner-up Jasmine Paolini, No. 19 Emma Navarro the American who eliminated Naomi Osaka earlier in the week 2017 U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys, Donna Vekic and Lulu Sun. Four men's matches didn't get down because of the showers,

but No. 10 Grigor Dimitrov and No. 12 Tommy Paul did advance.

Gauff, who is seeded No. 2, will face Navarro in an all-American matchup for a berth in the quarterfinals, where neither has been at Wimbledon.

"At this point," Gauff said, "it feels as if losing in the fourth or the quarterfinals feels the same, in a way, just because I do have such big aspirations."

Most of the attention Friday was on Alcaraz and Tiafoe, two known for providing a show. Alcaraz delivered on-the-run, back-to-the-net 'tweeners and pointed to his ear to ask spectators for more noise; Tiafoe interacted with the fans, too, waving to them to get louder.

These two good-naturedly traded some mild trash talk when they found out they'd be facing each other, and they hugged and chatted at the net when it was over. Tiafoe stopped playing during a match last month at the Queen's Club event after hurting his knee, and was just 13-14 in 2024 before Wimbledon, with some of those losses coming against players he referred to as "clowns," without naming names. □

## Brad Pitt movie about Formula 1 will simply be called 'F1'

**LONDON (AP)** — Brad Pitt's movie about Formula 1 coming to cinemas next year will simply be called "F1," the racing series said Friday.

Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton is a co-producer of the project, which collected footage at F1 circuits around the world this year and last.

Footage was taken at Silverstone home of the British Grand Prix and at the Hun-



Actor Brad Pitt walks through the paddock before the British Formula One Grand Prix race at the Silverstone racetrack, Silverstone, England, on July 9, 2023.

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garoring near Budapest; as well as the historic Spa Francorchamps in Belgium; Japan's popular Suzuka track; and Abu Dhabi's Yas Marina circuit.

Pitt was at Silverstone on Friday and walked through the paddock area.

In the film, the 60-year-old American plays a former driver who returns to F1 alongside a rookie teammate, who is played by London-born actor Dam-

son Idris. Their fictional team is called APXGP.

The film is directed by Joseph Kosinski of "Top Gun: Maverick" fame.

The film will be released next June, F1 said in a statement. □